

Reception Newsletter

A huge welcome to Tudhoe Colliery Primary School! We hope you are all excited to start school and ready to have lots of fun.

We cannot tell you how excited we are to be working with your children. Class teachers, Miss McLaughlin and Miss Freeman, were super impressed when the children visited and have heard from staff at the nurseries how wonderful they all are. Miss Freeman is especially excited as your children are her first ever class as a newly qualified teacher!

We would also like to take some time to introduce the amazing Miss Liddell and Miss Brace who will be working in Reception this year. We are all so privileged to have them in our classroom. Please feel free to come and speak to any of the Early Years team with any questions or queries you may have.

Clothing

Please ensure that all items of clothing and footwear are clearly labelled with your child's name. Any lost property will be put in a box in the staffroom.



P.E Kit

Your child requires a P.E bag containing a pair of shorts, t-shirt and P.E shoes (or light soled trainers). These should be named. PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and we are very lucky as in the first half term we have a Sports Coach coming to work with us! If your child wears earrings they will need to be removed or tape should be provided.



Medication

If your child has been prescribed medication, you **MUST** fill in a form which can be found on the school website or at the school office, and take to the school office.



We cannot administer any medication without written consent and instruction.

Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have our own outdoor play area, which we will use every day. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat every day. Named hats, gloves and scarves can be worn in cold weather.

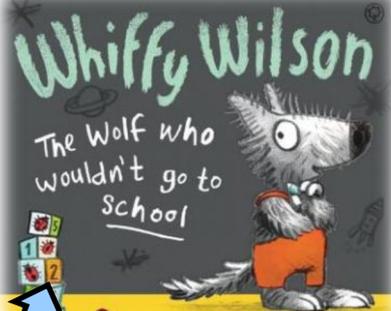


Reading Rewards

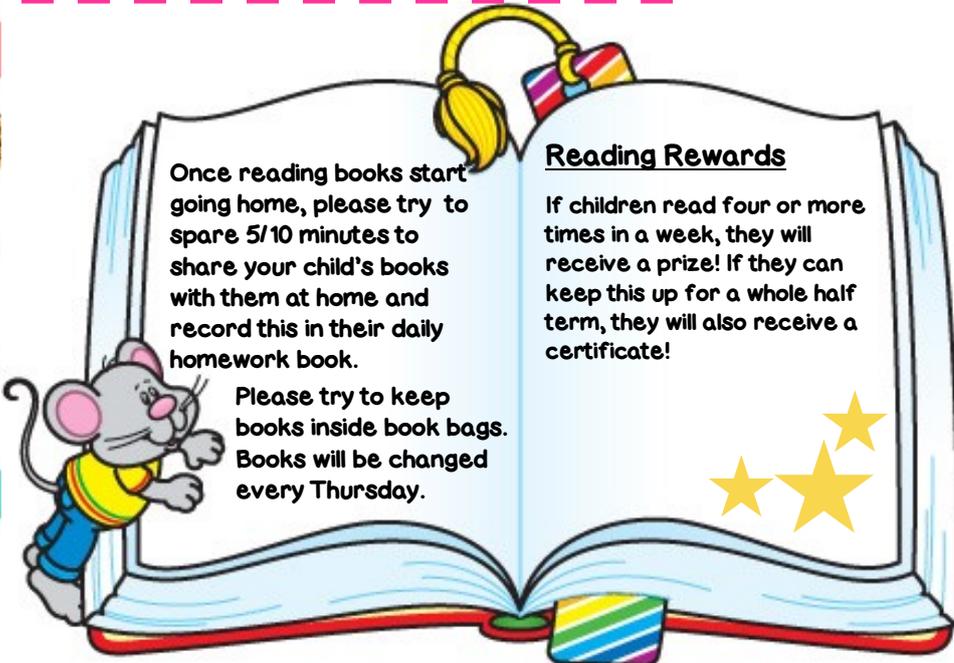
Once reading books start going home, please try to spare 5/10 minutes to share your child's books with them at home and record this in their daily homework book.

Please try to keep books inside book bags. Books will be changed every Thursday.

If children read four or more times in a week, they will receive a prize! If they can keep this up for a whole half term, they will also receive a certificate!



This is our first **class story** and where possible we will be basing learning activities around this book. The story shows Whiffy Wilson all of the wonderful things he can do and learn at school.



Home Time

Please collect your child from the main yard next to the Reception outdoor area. Staff will accompany the children out of the gate at 3.15pm. If alternative arrangements have been made e.g. a relative or older sibling is collecting your child, please let the school know in advance. If there is a problem and you are going to be late, please telephone the school as soon as possible.



Fruit

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to receive fruit daily. We also have a snack station in our class for the children to enjoy throughout the day. Please tell a member of staff if your child has any allergies.



Water

Children are encouraged to bring a small, named water bottle to school every day. These should contain water and should be taken home every evening to be rinsed and refilled. Please keep bottles separate to book bags.



Money and returned letters

Although most communication will be sent via Parent Mail, occasionally you may need to send money or a reply slip/letter into school. Please do so in a named envelope and put it in the zip pocket of the red book bag. Red bags must be brought to school daily.



Star of the week

Every Friday, one child will be chosen as 'Star of the Week' for good behaviour, good work, good manners or a special achievement. They will be able to choose a prize from our 'Prize Box' and bring home Pete, a cuddly penguin with a book. Please take photos or help your child draw a picture of something they have done with Pete over the weekend. You may also help them write about it. Please return Pete on Monday morning so they can share their news with the class.



Accessing the outdoors

We are very lucky as we have a fantastic school garden and access to the woods which we will visit as much as possible. This will be great for observing seasonal change! We have our own bed in the garden and we can't wait for you all to start growing some gorgeous veggies!



Topics

Our first topic this term will be 'All About Me'. We will explore parts of the body, growth, senses, homes, families etc. Further topics and activities will stem from the children's interests. We will also be introducing phonics this term as well as exploring the season of Autumn.



We hope to be able to go on our first school trip this term too! (More information to follow).

If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school. Feel free to catch staff before or after school. If we need to give you any further information, we will send this via Parent Mail.

Thank you for your support.

Class Teachers: Miss McLaughlin and Miss Freeman Head Teacher: Mr. Smith

Teaching Assistant: Miss Liddell

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss Boustead

Class Support Apprentice: Miss Brace

